

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A beverage that contains a preservative system comprising 1 to 175 ppm cinnamic acid, 10 to 200 ppm sorbic acid or benzoic acid, and 1 to 100 ppm of at least one essential oil other than cinnamic acid.
2. (Original) A beverage according to claim 1 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of benzyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, 4-tert-butylcyclohexanone, carvone, cinnamaldehyde, citral, citral dimethyl acetal, citronellol, cumic alcohol, cyclohexanebutyric acid, 2-cyclohexylethyl acetate, trans,trans-2,4-decadienal, decanal, decanol, dihydrocarveol, 3,7-dimethyl-1-octanol, ethyl cyclohexanepropionate, ethyl pyruvate, ethyl vanillin, jasmone, o-methoxycinnamaldehyde, methyl anthranilate, α -methyl-trans-cinnamaldehyde, methyl eugenol, methyl nonanoate, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 5-methyl-2-phenyl-2-hexenal, methyl salicylate, 4-methyl-5-thiazoleethanol acetate, myrtenol, neomenthol, nonanoic acid, γ -nonanoic lactone, δ -octalactone, octanoic acid (caprylic), 1-octanol, 1-phenyl-1,2-propanedione, piperonyl acetate, propyl benzoate, pulegone, sorbic aldehyde (2,4-hexadienal), terpinen-4-ol, tolualdehyde, γ -undecalactone, undecanal, 1-undecanol, and vanillin.
3. (Original) A beverage according to claim 2 wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of citral, citral dimethyl acetal, cumic alcohol (isopropylbenzyl

alcohol), trans,trans-2,4-decadienal, 3,7-dimethyl-1-octanol, ethyl pyruvate, myrtenol and piperonyl acetate.

4. (Original) A beverage according to claim 1 wherein the preservative system contains 50 to 150 ppm sorbic acid.

5. (Original) A beverage according to claim 1 wherein the preservative system contains 50 to 150 ppm benzoic acid.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) A beverage according to claim 1 wherein the beverage is a tea based beverage.

8. (Original) A beverage according to claim 7 wherein the beverage contains 0.01 to 3% tea solids.

9. (Currently amended) A beverage ~~according to claim 1~~ that contains a preservative system comprising wherein the preservative system comprises 1 to 30 ppm cinnamic acid, 50 to 150 ppm sorbic acid, 1 to 30 ppm citral dimethyl acetal, 1 to 40 ppm cumic alcohol, ~~and~~ 1 to 20 ppm myrtenol, ~~and~~ 1-20 ppm piperonyl acetate and at least one essential oil other than cinnamic acid.

10. (Cancelled)